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A Look at Media Bias

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Breitbart News Surpasses 3 Million Likes

From Breitbart News...

"Breitbart News has surpassed 3 million Facebook likes The news comes after it emerged from Alexa rankings [in early January] that Breitbart is now the 45th most trafficked website in the United States, overtaking sites such as The Washington Post, BuzzFeed, Fox News, and The Huffington Post. Over the course of 2016, Breitbart attracted over two billion page views, almost double that of the previous year."

NYT Removes References to 'March for Life'

From the Washington Examiner...

"The New York Times managed to avoid almost all references to the 'March for Life' in an article about – the 'March for Life.' . . . The story twice refers to the 44-year-old demonstration as an 'anti-abortion march.' . . . To be clear, 'March for Life' never appears in the story as a standalone title. The only reference we get to the demonstration's name appears several paragraphs deep when it reads, 'But Jeanne Mancini, the March for Life president . . .""

Media Could Play Positive Role

From Congressman Lamar Smith...

"The national liberal media continue to promote a divided America. This is largely a result of their chosen candidate not winning the presidential election. Since 91% of the media's coverage of President-Elect Trump was negative, it's no surprise that they still see America in a negative light. But the media could play a much more constructive role.

They could report the good news – that Americans are more confident about the future than they have been in 20 years. They could report on President-Elect Trump's ability to attract individuals of competence and experience to his administration. They could report on his fresh approach and new ideas for, yes, making America great again. Let's hope the media will put aside their bias and give the American people the facts untainted by personal animosity. If they do, our country will be better for it."

Media Shouldn't Decide What's Fake

From Congressman Lamar Smith..

"You may have heard about this new phenomenon called fake news. Fake news usually consists of false and made-up stories. Actually, it's not new and has been around as long as there have been media. What is new is that a few liberal media organizations are going to label news stories suspect if they feel the stories are not true. This should be of great concern to anyone who believes in free speech.

It works this way: nearly half of all Americans get information from Facebook. Facebook has now decided to let liberal media like ABC News and the Associated Press determine whether news is fake or not. This represents the liberal mindset that the media know better than the American people what's good for them. A better idea is to trust the American people and let them determine what's real news and not. The American people will learn to discern the good from the bad – if the media stops telling them what to think.

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